

State Board of Pharmacy

The Nevada State Board of Pharmacy was created by Chapter CXI of the Statutes of 1901 approved on Mar 28, 1901: an act to provide for the creation of a State Board of Pharmacy, to regulate the practice of pharmacy, to prohibit use of deteriorated and adulterated drugs, and to regulate the sale of poisons. The Board consisted of five members appointed by the governor for two-year terms. Members were required to be practicing pharmacists with five years of experience in Nevada.

The Pharmacy Board met for the first time on the first Monday of May, 1905; they were required to meet twice a year, in May and in November. At their meetings the Board received applications for examinations, issued certificates to newly licensed pharmacists, licensed pharmacies, and considered disciplinary matters against members. The Board elected one member to serve as president and a second member to serve as secretary.

The 1901 statute was revised in 1913: "An act to regulate the practice of pharmacy and the use and sale of poisons and drugs in the State of Nevada; providing for a state board of pharmacy, and defining its powers and duties, and fixing penalties for the violations thereof." The act was approved on April 1, 1913.

Section 1 prohibited the manufacture, compounding, selling or dispensing of any drug, poison, medicine, or chemical unless the person was a registered medical practitioner. Section 2 defined who could become a registered pharmacist and how they could become registered. Under this section the Board consisted of five members appointed by the governor for four-year terms. The members elected a president, secretary, and treasurer. The secretary carried out board functions and kept the records. In addition to licensing pharmacists the Board created and defined regulations and held disciplinary meetings.

The current Board of Pharmacy is defined in Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) Title 54, Chapter 639. The Board consists of seven members appointed by the governor; six members must be registered pharmacists and the seventh member is a member of the general public. The Board elects a president and treasurer and employs an executive secretary who is not a Board member but who must have experiences as a licensed pharmacist. The Board must meet at least every six months; in practice they meet monthly.

The Nevada State Board of Pharmacy may:

- Grant licenses to all applicants who successfully pass the North American Pharmacist Licensure Examination, -Issues licenses, certificates, and permits to pharmacists, pharmacies, qualified health centers, pharmaceutical technicians, physician assistants, internet pharmacies, skilled nursing facilities, wholesalers, veterinarians, and others, -
- May convene disciplinary hearings at any time,
- May adopt, amend, or repeal regulations related to pharmaceuticals in Nevada.

